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COMMUNICATION

NEW ORLEANS, February 10, 1911.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW:

My dear Sir:

IN reviewing a certain book, I stated that Aberdeen's note of September 11, 1843, to Ashbel Smith, the minister of Texas, contained the word "improperly". This was denied by the author in the January number of the REVIEW, page 403. As the shortness of the time that could be allowed me for replying to him did not permit me to offer a positive confirmation of the excellent authority upon which I had relied, I confined myself to indicating the basis of my statement (*ibid.*, p. 405); but I have since received from Hon. W. B. Townsend, Texas Secretary of State, a copy of Aberdeen's note, and there find the word in question. This copy is enclosed herewith for preservation in your files.

Obviously, since the note passed into the hands of Texas, the decisive answer to any question regarding it is to be looked for in the archives at Austin.

Respectfully yours,

JUSTIN H. SMITH.